



# Transit Center Report



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## U.S. Embassy and Transit Center make medical donations

7/29/2010 - **BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan** -- The Children's Pediatric Hospital received more than \$20,000 in medical equipment and furniture and the Children's Cancer Center received \$10,000 in medical supplies from the Transit Center at Manas July 28.

The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic joined the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing commander as they witnessed Airmen delivering the supplies.

"Today's handover includes urgently needed medical equipment that will help save the lives of children at the Bishkek Pediatric Emergency Hospital," said Ambassador Tatiana Gfoeller.

Col. Dwight Sones, 376th AEW commander, recognized the Bishkek Pediatric Emergency Hospital helps children from all over the Kyrgyz Republic. "Our desire is that

this equipment and furniture go a long way to helping care for every child who comes to this outstanding hospital for treatment. We know our friendship and partnership with the Bishkek Pediatric Hospital will grow for many years to come."

At the Children's Cancer Center the Ambassador said the medical supplies will help about 100 children every year to receive chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

For Colonel Sones, the visit meant a lot personally. "As a parent of a 9-year-old daughter who is a cancer survivor, I know the personal dedication of each doctor and nurse and the many sacrifices made by each parent and family to provide their child with the very best care to defeat cancer."

Transit Center Airmen along with Colonel Sones visited the Children's



Cancer Center two weeks ago. "I witnessed first-hand the sheer determination of these children and their parents to defeat cancer. Every parent, doctor and nurse I met desired to provide each of these children with the very best of care."

## Manas Transit Center (MTC) Humanitarian Assistance May-Jul

The following projects are completed.

### 17 May 2010

- Added several submersible pump assemblies Corrected at **Jani-Pachta Village** (\$ 5,319)

### 17 May 2010

- Provided back-up generator for **Marble Village** sewer station.
- Generator now allows sewage treatment facility to operate during power outages. (\$ 6,558)

### 7 June 2010

- Provided basic necessities for **Maevka Village** families affected by April 2010 revolution.
- Delivered comforters, sheets, bedding materials, kitchen necessities, children's clothing, and basic food staples (\$ 4,304)

### 8 Jul 2010

- Installed fence and repaired leaking roof for **Mirnoye-Niz Village School**.
- Increased child safety by providing barrier from stray animals and livestock. (\$ 20,000)

### 7 July 2010

- Volunteers visited the **Vinogradye**



Manas airmen visit Nadjesda kindergarten.

**School**, cut lawn, accomplished yard clean up and donated gifts to the children.

- Built sun shade.

### 8 July 2010

- Installed fence and repaired leaking roof for **Mirnoye-Niz Village School**.
- Increased child safety by providing barrier from stray animals and livestock.
- Improved health by eliminating leaks and moisture. (\$ 20,000)
- Improved quality of learning by installing new roof and fence at **Mirnoye-Niz Village School**. (\$25,000)

### 14 July 2010

- Visited **Children's Cancer Center**,

played with the children and dropped off toys, snacks and clothing.

### 23 July 2010

- Built new fence around **Sadovoye Village** water supply.
- Installed new Village supply water pump. (\$9,000)
- Increased health conditions/ reduce potential infections at the Children's Cardiovascular Center in **Bishkek** by replacing worn flooring in the Children's heart ward. (\$ 4500)
- Increased water pressure by replacing water generators at the Manas village water facility (\$ 4833)
- Donated School buses to At Bashinsky School in Manas and Birdik School
- Buses obtained from DoD Excess property (EP)

### 24 July 2010

- Built fence around Tok Mok business incubator (\$ 10,000)

### 27 July 2010

- MTC volunteers Visited **Vasilievskoye School** and delivered 2 boxes of books, notebooks, 6 boxes of candy and snacks.

## Transit Center Humanitarian Assistance May-Jul continued



Donations to Maevka village in June 2010

- Donated 3 large bags of warm weather clothing.
- Volunteers visited the Tok Mok #1 Orphanage and donated toys, gifts and candy.

### 28 July 2010

- Delivered 2 Coagulators to the **Bishkek Pediatric Center**, with medical furnishings to be delivered in two weeks. (\$20,000)
- Delivered medical supplies to the **Children's Cancer Center**. (\$10,000)
- Volunteers donated labor and materials; painted playground and built bookshelves at the **Vinogradye School**.

### 7 August 2010

- Visited the **Cezim Women's Shelter**. Met with Director and discussed future large HA project. Cezim specializes in sheltering battering women and human trafficked persons. Delivered ladies toiletries, hygienic supplies, ladies and children's clothing.
- Donated sandals, shoes, coloring books, toys, detergent and food items. (\$250)
- Donated 1 bed, 1 mattress 3 portable cots and 8 pairs of boots to the **Oktyabrskoe Police department**. (\$1100)

## U.S. donates bomb suits to Kyrgyz military EOD

8/8/2010 - **TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan** -- "It seems you understood what we will be doing tomorrow. Some of these sergeants here will be going and defusing some bombs. Thank you," said the Kyrgyzstan colonel. He smiled at the four explosive ordnance disposal bomb suits donated from the Air Force with help from the U.S. State Department Aug. 6, knowing they may help save the life of one of his soldiers in Osh.

Ziabek Beishebekovich Kamchibekov, chief of the engineering department, Kyrgyz Republic Ministry of Defense, sent 14 EOD soldiers from two different military units to the Transit Center to learn about the Airmen's tools, tactics and techniques for five days. The suits were presented at the graduation ceremony.

The 376th Civil Engineer Squadron's EOD Flight has offered this type of training to the Ministry of Defense on three other occasions. "We used the same format we did for the March course," said Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Schulte, EOD Flight chief, who said typical EOD deployments are six-month rotations. "For us the key thing was to be able to show them how to do something and then let them try it for themselves," said the former EOD instructor.

Another instructor said the camaraderie between EOD doesn't change because of the uni-

form that's worn. "I liked getting to know our EOD brothers, though we don't speak the same language they are just as crazy as we are," Staff Sgt. Ryan Prince who gave the initial in brief. "They were really knowledgeable. On the range translations weren't as important - explosives are an international language."

Other members echoed the sergeant's sentiments. "Meeting the guys and realizing that they're the same as us - they wanted to have fun, we had fun. I wasn't assigned a class so I was able to hop around from station to station," Senior Airman James Tucci, EOD Flight, who returned just in time being in Afghanistan's Maywand Province for seven weeks.

Among the most thought-provoking of the classes was how to move a suspicious package out of a building using rope, pulleys and different fasteners and then how to use an x-ray machine to diagnose the contents of a package and how the IED will function in order to render it safe. They also got to try different techniques



Staff Sgt. James Bennett helps Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Schulte get into a bomb suit Aug. 5.

that involve either shooting or setting off a counter-charge to help disrupt devices so they can be completely dismantled.

"This was my first time instructing so it was also a test of what I learned from my peers. I was able to teach the material well enough because the Kyrgyz were able to x-ray and identify the contents. I was nervous at first because I didn't know what their personalities would be. I do know that we would have been really good friends if we didn't have the language barrier between us," said Airman First Class Daniel Tubbs, EOD Flight.

Despite the language challenges, the training was well-received. "I've been to different



Chief Sergeant Murbek Sergeevich Moldaliv listens to the safety briefing on the EOD range Aug. 5.



Lt. Col. Thomas Bongiovi, 376th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, instructs Chief Sergeant Murbek Sergeevich Moldaliv on the use of a detonator on the EOD range Aug. 5.

courses in different countries but this is my first time working with the Americans," said Murbek Sergeevich Moldaliv, the class' ranking enlisted member and first-time Transit Center visitor.

"I'm enjoying the knowledge they are giving to us - we have the same objective," said Chief Sergeant Moldaliv speaking of the Americans. "Every person's life is important. Uzbekistani, Chinese, American - we're all humans. My duty is to protect my fatherland. I will never let my flag be stomped on by someone else, but my biggest objective is to have peace in the world. With the criminal element and terrorists my soul aches for them, but we can't ask why they do such horrible things," he said talking about the cowardly tactics of improvised explosives.

"I've used my skills in other countries, but in Kyrgyzstan I've not had to use them here yet," said Chief Sergeant Moldaliv.

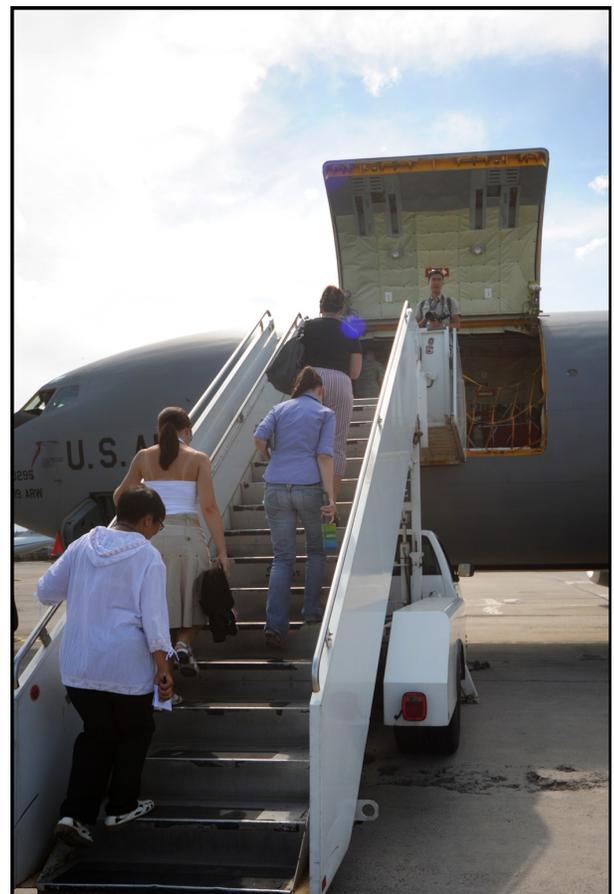
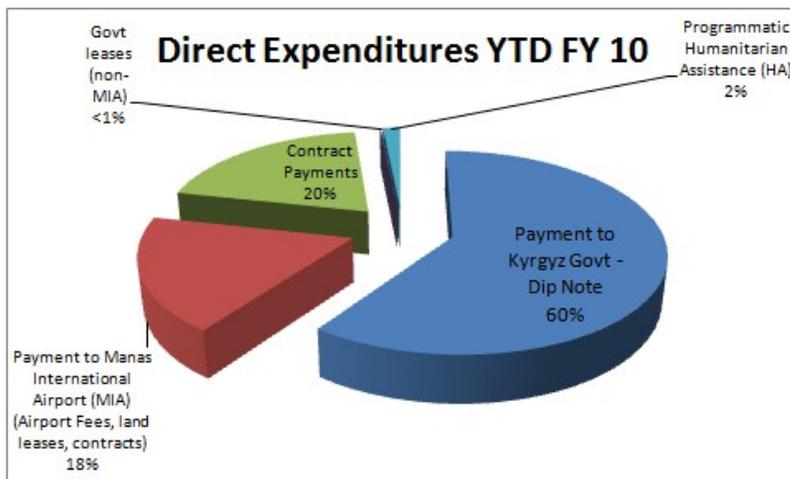
At the end of the training, Colonel Kamchibekov thanked the Transit Center Airmen. "Thank you so much for this opportunity for our new generation of sergeants to observe and apply these skills. Now they are at the heart of the knowledge and experience, and now they have a better understanding of tools for disarming IEDs. Just like you, I hope we continue we have the same goals to protect our nations and our people. The best warrior isn't the one with the most equipment; the best warrior is the one with knowledge. It is my hope that my staff will apply this knowledge to peace," said Colonel Kamchibekov.



Sergeant Sartov Kasimovich Daniar, Kyrgyz Republic Army, sets up a pulley system to pull a suspicious box out of a hallway and into a secluded area for identification.

# Transit Center at Manas Economic Impact as of 31 July 2010

Direct Expenditures	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 TYD
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt—Dip Note	\$17,400,000	\$26,620,000	\$60,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA) (Airport fees, land leases)	\$22,426,354	\$22,999,039	\$18,420,831
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$131,000	\$30,600,000	\$0
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)	\$480,500		\$0
Contract Payments	\$35,351,310	\$24,601,908	\$19,961,043
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$83,726	\$81,562	\$66,596
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance (HA)			\$1,564,043
<b>Subtotal Direct Expenditures</b>	<b>\$75,872,890</b>	<b>\$104,902,509</b>	<b>\$100,012,513</b>
<b>Indirect Expenditures</b>			
Estimated US Military local spending (Cultural tours, shopping and etc)	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,011,790
<b>Subtotal Indirect Expenditures</b>	<b>\$946,000</b>	<b>\$1,037,530</b>	<b>\$1,011,790</b>
<b>Total Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$76,818,890</b>	<b>\$105,940,039</b>	<b>\$101,024,303</b>



Media Day at the Transit Center at Manas held July 23

## TCM upcoming events

Here are the upcoming Theater Security Cooperation events and projects:

### Events

- Public Health demo at elderly home
- Delivery of medical supplies to National Hospital
- Mil to Mil icebreaker event/tour
- Ribbon Cutting, Women’s Development Center

### Projects

- Toru-Aigr Village Donating IT school supplies; computers, drives
- Ugut Village Donating school supplies, refrigerators, blackboards
- Bishkek National School of Art donating art school supplies
- Grozd Administrative bldg. remodeling